

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2184 - SB 2380

February 16, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that theft from a mercantile establishment is a Class E felony offense, regardless of the value of the property stolen, if the merchandise is shoplifted from three separate establishments as part of the same criminal episode. Currently, theft of items stolen from one establishment valued at less than \$500 would be a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$486,300/Incarceration*
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes 108 additional Class E felony convictions each year and a decrease in fines collected and confinement costs for local governments for an equal number of Class A misdemeanor convictions.

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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